

In the Claims:

1. (previously amended) A waterproof grommet comprising:

a first member having a first sealing part formed on the inner surface of at least one through-hole through which an electrical wire that connects a contact is passed, and which can adhere tightly to the electrical wire;

a second member having a second sealing part which is formed on the outer circumferential surface of the through-hole, and which can adhere tightly to a connector housing; and

the first and second member are formed from an elastic material, the elastic material of the first member having the first sealing part is formed from an elastic material that has a lower hardness than the elastic material of the second member having the second sealing part to prevent splitting on the inner surface of the through-hole when the electrical wire is passed therethrough.

2. (original) The waterproof grommet of Claim 1 wherein the second member has an insertion opening with a tapered shape and is disposed at the insertion entry point for the contact in the through-hole.

3. (original) The waterproof grommet of Claim 1 wherein the first member and the second member are formed as an integral unit by two-color molding.

4. (original) The waterproof grommet of Claim 2 wherein the first member and the second member are formed as an integral unit by two-color molding.

5. (previously amended) The waterproof grommet of Claim 1 wherein the second member has recessed parts used to align a contact cavity formed in the connector housing with the through-hole by engaging with protruding parts formed on a waterproof grommet supporting member; and

the recessed parts are formed so that the distances between the recessed parts and the outer circumferential surface are substantially the same, and so that the distances between the recessed parts and the through-holes are substantially the same.

6. (original) The waterproof grommet of Claim 5 wherein the waterproof grommet supporting member is a waterproof grommet cap that is separate from the connector housing.

7. (currently amended) A waterproof grommet comprising:

a first member having a first sealing part formed on the inner surface of at least one through-hole through which an electrical wire that connects to a contact is passed, the first sealing part being formed to ~~and which can~~ adhere tightly to the electrical wire;

a second member having a second sealing part ~~which is~~ formed on the outer circumferential surface of the through-hole, ~~and which can~~ the second sealing part being formed to adhere tightly to a connector housing;

the first member having the first sealing part is formed from an elastic material that has a lower hardness than the hardness of the second member having the second sealing part;

the first member and the second member are formed as an integral unit by two-color molding;

the second member has at least one recessed part which is used to align a contact cavity formed in the connector housing with the through-hole by engaging with at least one protruding part formed on a waterproof grommet supporting member; and

the recessed part(s) are formed so that the distances between the recessed part(s) and the outer circumferential surface of the through-hole(s) are substantially the same, and so that the distances between the recessed part(s) and the through-hole(s) are substantially the same.

8. (original) The waterproof grommet of Claim 7 wherein the waterproof grommet supporting member is a waterproof grommet cap that is separate from the connector housing.

9. (currently amended) A waterproof grommet comprising:

a first member having a first sealing part formed on the inner surface of at least one through-hole through which an electrical wire that connects to a contact is passed, the first sealing part being formed to~~and which can~~ adhere tightly to the electrical wire;

a second member having a second sealing part ~~which is formed~~ on the outer circumferential surface of the through-hole, ~~and which can~~the second sealing part being formed to adhere tightly to a connector housing;

the first member having the first sealing part formed from an elastic material that has a lower hardness than the hardness of the second member having the second sealing part;

the second member having an insertion opening with a tapered shape and disposed at the insertion entry point for the contact in the through-hole, and has at least one recessed part which is used to align a contact cavity formed in the connector housing with the through-hole by

engaging with at least one protruding part formed on a waterproof grommet supporting member;
and

the recessed part(s) are formed so that the distances between the recessed part(s) and the outer circumferential surface of the through-hole(s) are substantially the same, and so that the distances between the recessed part(s) and the through-hole(s) are substantially the same.

10. (original) The waterproof grommet of Claim 9 wherein the first member and the second member are formed as an integral unit by two-color molding.

11. (original) The waterproof grommet of Claim 9 wherein the waterproof grommet supporting member is a waterproof grommet cap that is separate from the connector housing.

12. (original) The waterproof grommet of Claim 10 wherein the waterproof grommet supporting member is a waterproof grommet cap that is separate from the connector housing.

13. (previously added) The waterproof grommet of Claim 1, wherein the first and second members are made from silicone rubber.

14. (previously added) The waterproof grommet of Claim 13, wherein the silicone rubber of the first member has a hardness of approximately 10 and the silicone rubber of the second member has a hardness of approximately 50.

15. (previously added) The waterproof grommet of Claim 1, wherein the first sealing part and the second sealing part include ribs.

16. (previously added) The waterproof grommet of Claim 1, wherein the second member has at least one recessed part which is used to align a contact cavity formed in the connector housing with the through-hole by engaging with at least one protruding part formed on a supporting member.

17. (previously added) The waterproof grommet of Claim 1, wherein the second member has at least one recessed part that engages a protruding part formed on the connector housing so that the second member has a uniform compression margin when the electrical wire is received in the through-hole.

18. (previously added) The waterproof grommet of Claim 17, wherein the recessed parts are formed so that the distance between the recessed parts and the outer circumferential surface are essentially the same and so that the distances between the recessed parts and the through-hole are substantially the same.

19. (previously added) A waterproof grommet assembly, comprising:

a first member having a first sealing part formed on an inner surface of a through-hole that sealingly engages an electrical wire received in the through-hole;

a second member having a recessed part for receipt of a protrusion formed on a corresponding support member and a second sealing part formed on an outer circumferential surface of the through-hole that sealingly engages a housing.

20. (previously added) The waterproof grommet assembly of claim 19, wherein the support member is an engaging part on the housing.

21. (previously added) The waterproof grommet assembly of claim 19, wherein the support member is a waterproof grommet cap that is separate from the housing.